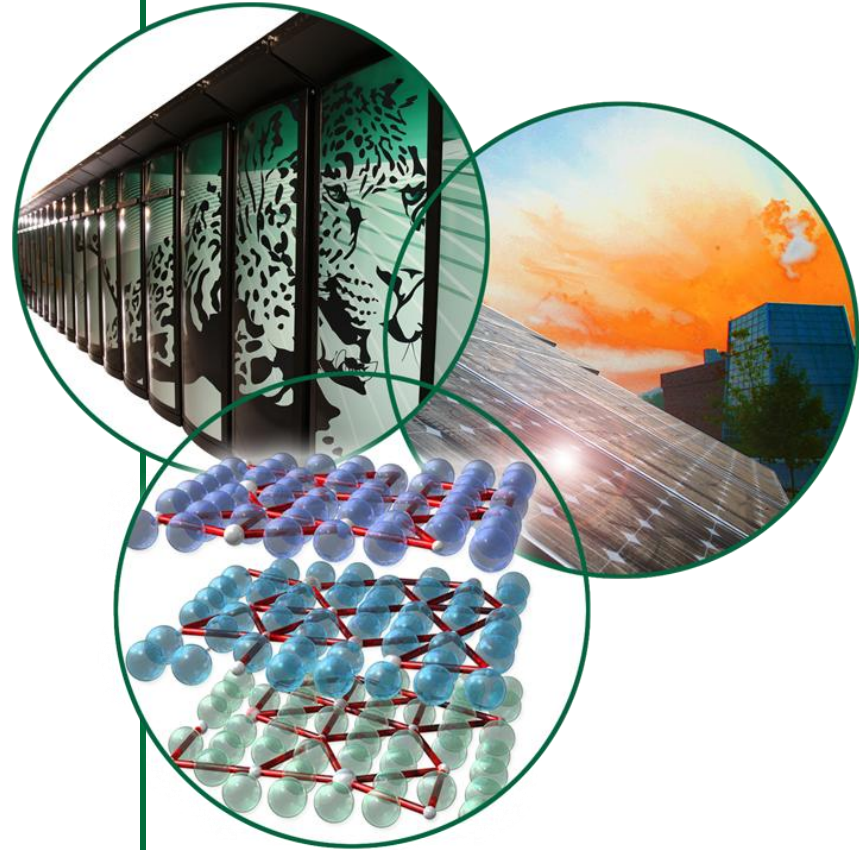


Frequently asked Questions

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Overview

- To avoid frustration...
here are a few answers to common questions!

FAQ – Issue 1 – “Trace unification has terminated”

- Jaguar

- Error Message :

```
sh: sw/xt5/vampirtrace/5.10/cnl2.2_pgi10.2.0/bin/vtunify: not found
VampirTrace: FATAL: Trace unification has terminated abnormally
```

- Solution:

- Use either `vtcc -vt:hyb`
- Or `vtcc -vt:mpi`

- Background:

- Library defaults to sequential version (`-vt:seq`)
- Post-processing (trace unification) for the sequential uses a binary in /sw that is not available on the compute nodes
- Post-processing (trace unification) for the mpi or hybrid version use an MPI-based library – no need for a separate binary

FAQ – Issue 2 – nm not found

- **Error Message:**

```
VampirTrace: FATAL: Failed to execute /usr/bin/nm -B --demangle --line-numbers /var/spool/alps/4477034/bt_W.16
```

Please set the environment variable VT_GNU_NM to the 'nm' command including command line switches which lists symbol/addresses of an object file in BSD-style or set VT_GNU_NMFILE to a pre-created symbol list file.

- **Solution:**

```
$ module load vampirtrace
```

```
$ qsub -V ... or #PBS -V in the PBS-script
```

- **Background:**

- VampirTrace uses nm – not available on the compute nodes
- module load vampirtrace copies nm & libraries to /tmp/work/\$USER/.vt/ and sets various environment variables

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- **Alternative solution:**

- **Add to your job script**

```
. /opt/modules/default/etc/modules.sh  
module load vampirtrace
```

FAQ – Issue 3 – “Maximum number of buffer flushes”

- **Error Message:**

```
[11]VampirTrace: Maximum number of buffer flushes  
reached (VT_MAX_FLUSHES=1)
```

```
[11]VampirTrace: Tracing switched off permanently
```

- **Solution**

- Set VT_MAX_FLUSHES and VT_BUFFER_SIZE
- Use filters
- Limit compiler instrumentation
- Limit runtime of the application (#timesteps, problem size)

FAQ – How to customize colors in Vampir

- You want to highlight a function in the timeline?
- Solution
 - File → Preferences → Appearance
 - You can also use the performance radar → find function if you are only interested at one particular function

FAQ – Vampire?

- Just Vampir
 - German vampire...
 - Remember when you type the `module load etc..`

Thank you

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